

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PM10 MAINTENANCE PLAN AND REDESIGNATION REQUEST

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider the approval of the proposed 2007 plan to maintain the federal standards for inhalable particulate matter (PM10) and request for redesignation to PM10 attainment prepared by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, and to consider modifications to the transportation conformity budgets. If adopted, ARB will submit these elements to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan.

DATE: October 25 and October 26, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency
Air Resources Board
Byron Sher Auditorium, Second Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., October 25, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., October 26, 2007. This item may not be considered until October 26, 2007. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before October 25, 2007, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

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BACKGROUND

The federal Clean Air Act (the Act) establishes planning requirements for those areas that routinely exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. These nonattainment areas must develop and implement a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that demonstrates how they will attain the standards by specified dates.

In June 2003, the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District or Valley) adopted the 2003 PM10 Attainment Plan setting forth a control strategy for attaining the standards by December 31, 2010. As a mid-course review, the District adopted the 2006 PM10 Plan, reaffirming the control strategy in the 2003 PM10 Attainment Plan. Due to the adoption of ARB, District, and federal rules in the 2003 PM10 Plan, the Valley's air quality has improved to the point that the District now attains the PM10 standards, ahead of the 2010 attainment deadline.

In October 2006, U.S. EPA determined that the District has attained the PM10 standards, based on 2003-2005 ambient monitoring data. In August 2007 U.S. EPA followed with a proposal to affirm its October 2006 determination of attainment, based on the evaluation of 2006 monitoring data. These U.S. EPA actions, however, do not constitute formal redesignation of the District to attainment, since further Act requirements need to be met. The District prepared the 2007 PM10 Maintenance Plan (Maintenance Plan) to address these requirements and request official redesignation to attainment. The District Governing Board adopted the Maintenance Plan on September 20, 2007.

In addition, during the development of new transportation conformity budgets, the District transportation agencies provided updated transportation activity for use in calculating the conformity budgets. ARB staff determined that the conformity budgets contained in the District Plan did not reflect current information on heavy-heavy duty diesel truck (HHDDT) distribution in the San Joaquin Valley, causing an overestimation of emissions. ARB staff worked with the transportation agencies and the District to correctly reflect HHDDT activity and develop updated conformity budgets. In the Resolution approving the Maintenance Plan, the District recognized that the nature of transportation planning may trigger the need for technical refinements to the conformity budgets after adoption of the Maintenance Plan.

PROPOSED ACTION

ARB staff has reviewed the District's 2007 Maintenance Plan and concluded that it meets applicable federal requirements. ARB staff has also determined that the Maintenance Plan would ensure continued maintenance of the standard through 2020. Staff is recommending that the Board approve the Maintenance Plan, as well as the updated transportation conformity budgets, emissions inventory, and maintenance demonstration as a revision to the California SIP. In addition, ARB staff is recommending that the Board approve the District's redesignation request from nonattainment to attainment for the federal PM10 standards.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

ARB staff will prepare a written Staff Report prior to the meeting. Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street,

1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, California 95814,
(916) 322-2990. This notice, the Staff Report, and the District's Maintenance Plan may
also be obtained from ARB's internet site at
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/sivpm07/sivpm07.htm>.

SUBMITTAL OF COMMENTS

Interested members of the public may also present comments orally or in writing at the
meeting, and in writing or by email before the meeting. To be considered by the Board,
written comment submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received
no later than 12:00 noon, October 24, 2007, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Facsimile submittal: (916) 322-3928

The Board requests, but does not require that 30 copies of any written statement be
submitted and that written and email statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the
meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each
comment.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code
section 6250 et seq.), your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated
contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public
record and can be released to the public upon request. Additionally, this information
may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Ms. Sylvia Morrow,
Manager of the Particulate Matter Analysis Section, Planning and Technical Support
Division, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814 or by email at
smorrow@arb.ca.gov, or Dr. Patricia Velasco, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, Planning
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